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SUBJECT: EPMG CONDEMNS SOMALI SABOTAGE OF DJIBOUTI-ADDIS  
RAILWAY

REF: ADDIS ABABA 3503 (NOTAL; ADDIS ABABA 3469 (NOTAL);  
DJIBOUTI 0097 (NOTAL; ADDIS ABABA 3259 (NOTAL)

1. MININFO AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT  
JUNE 4 ON ACTS OF SABOTAGE BY SOMALI-TRAINED AND ARMED  
INFILTRATORS AGAINST ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD (REFTELS):

2. QUOTE ETHIOPIA STRONGLY CONDEMNS ANY ACTS OF SABOTAGE AND  
SUBVERSIONS BY SOMALIA AIMED AT OBSTRUCTION PEACEFUL  
ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE OF TERRITORY OF AFARS AND ISSAS.  
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AS SUCH, ETHIOPIA STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY ATTEMPT DIRECTED AT  
UNDERMINING INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI AND  
IS READY TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE INDEPENDENCE  
OF TERRITORY. DAMAGE CAUSED TO THREE BRIDGES ON THE ADDIS-  
DJIBOUTI RAILWAY LINE THREE DAYS AGO BY SOMALI-TRAINED,  
ARMED INFILTRATORS IS AIMED AT SABOTAGING INDEPENDENCE OF  
DJIBOUTI. DISRUPTION OF NORMAL TRAFFIC CAUSED BY ARMED

INFILTRATORS FROM SOMALIA IS ALREADY CREATING SERIOUS  
HARDSHIPS FOR PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI WHOSE MAIN LIVELIHOOD  
DEPENDS ON RAILWAY LINE. SOMALIA HAD DEALT DEATH BLOW TO  
VITAL INTERESTS OF PEOPLE OF TERRITORY OF AFARS AND ISSAS.  
THIS IS MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN FOR PEOPLES OF ETHIOPIA  
AND DJIBOUTI AND WILL NOT BE IGNORED OR PASSIVELY VIEWED.  
SOMALIA'S FRANTIC ATTEMPT, THROUGH TRAINED AND ARMED  
INFILTRATORS, TO SABOTAGE RAILWAY LINE IS AIMED NOT ONLY  
AT DISRUPTING ECONOMY OF DJIBOUTI BUT ALSO AT ANNEXING  
TERRITORY IN ENSUING CHAOS AND DISORDER. THIS SINISTER DESIGN  
OF SOMALIA HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR BY PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE IN HIS  
RECENT PUBLIC UTTERANCES WHEN HE SAID REPEATEDLY THAT SOMALIA  
IS READY TO INTERVENE IN THE AFFAIRS OF DJIBOUTI, IF INVITED.  
BY INCITING PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE ON  
ACCOUNT OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS, SOMALIA SEEKS TO CREATE  
SITUATION CONDUCIVE FOR ARMED INTERVENTION AT INVITATION OF  
PRO-SOMALIA FACATION AS ALREADY BEEN INDICATED BY PRESIDENT  
BARRE. IT IS SPECIFICALLY TO FORESTALL SUCH FORESEEN SOMALIA  
INTERVENTION THAT ETHIOPIA REPEATEDLY DEMANDED AT INTER-  
NATIONAL FORUMS SUCH AS THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY  
AND UNITED NATIONS THAT NEIGHBOURING STATES OF TERRITORY OF  
AFARS AND ISSAS SHOULD SIGN JOINT DECLARATION GUARANTEEING  
CONTINUED INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE OF TERRIORY AND PLEDGING  
NOT TO INTERFERE IN TERRIOTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WHILE  
ETHIOPIA AGREED TO SIGN DECLARATION, SOMALIA HAD RE-  
PEATEDLY AND FOR OBVIOUS REASONS REFUSED TO DO SO. ETHIOPIA,  
WHICH CONSIDERS INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI AS INTIMATELY LINKED  
WITH HER VITAL INTERESTS, FULLY SUPPORTS THE INDEPENDENCE OF  
DJIBOUTI, AND CONSEQUENTLY IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO DEFEND  
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THE INDPENDENT EXISTENCE OF TERRITORY AS SOVEREIGN STATE  
WITHIN PRESENT TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENTS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.  
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